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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Tornier et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/730,276  
Filed : December 9, 2003  
Title : PROCESS FOR THE STERILE PACKAGING OF A PROSTHETIC  
IMPLANT MADE OF POLYETHYLENE

Grp./A.U. : 1744  
Examiner : McKane, Elizabeth L.

Docket No.: 14542

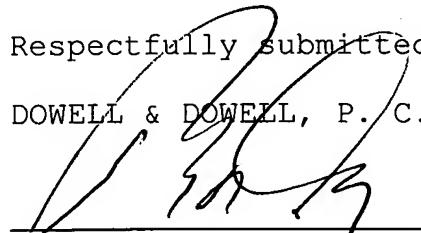
Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

It is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time, until October 25, 2006, be granted in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated April 25, 2006. The statutory fee for a three month extension of time is \$510.00, and an extension of time fee of \$60.00 has already been submitted on August 24, 2006. Accordingly, a payment of \$450.00 for the extension of time is attached hereto. Any deficiencies in the extension of time fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1577.

Respectfully submitted,

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